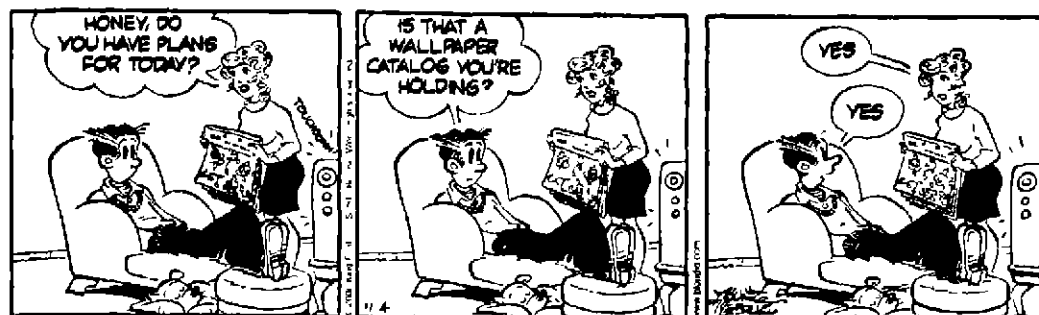


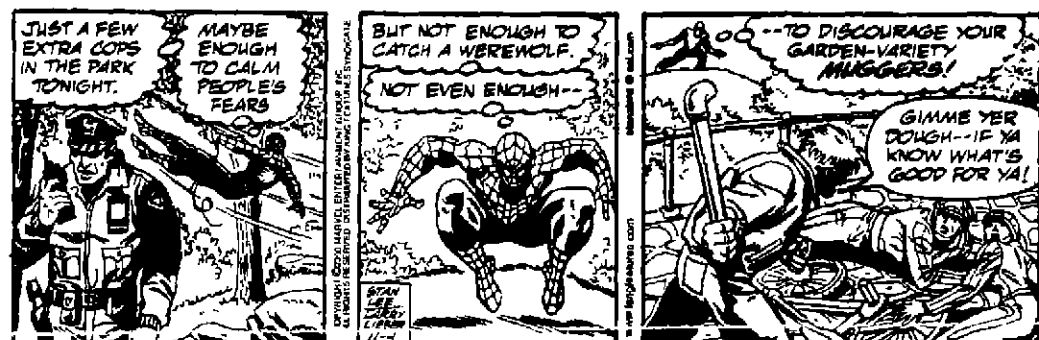
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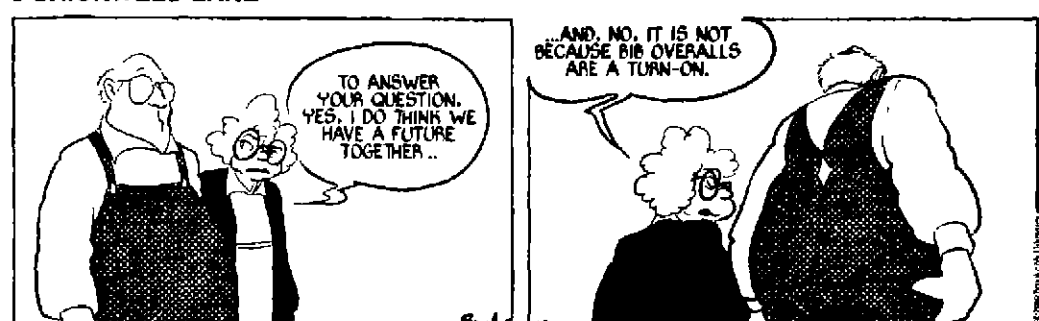
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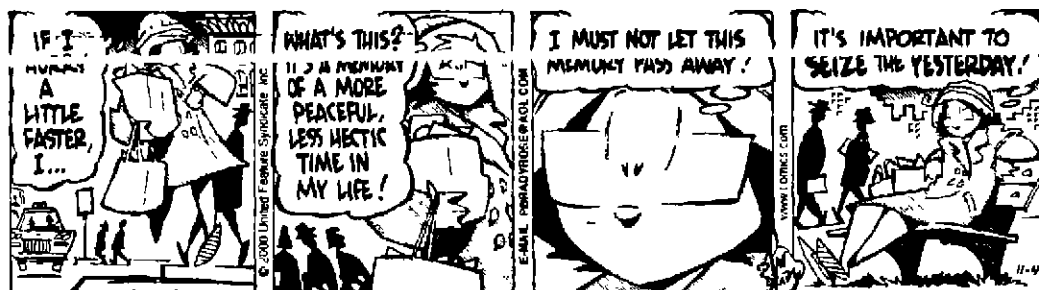
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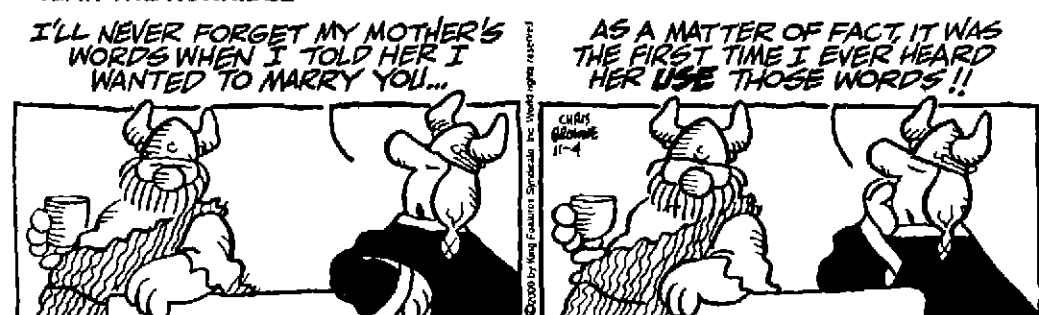
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## ROSE IS ROSE



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



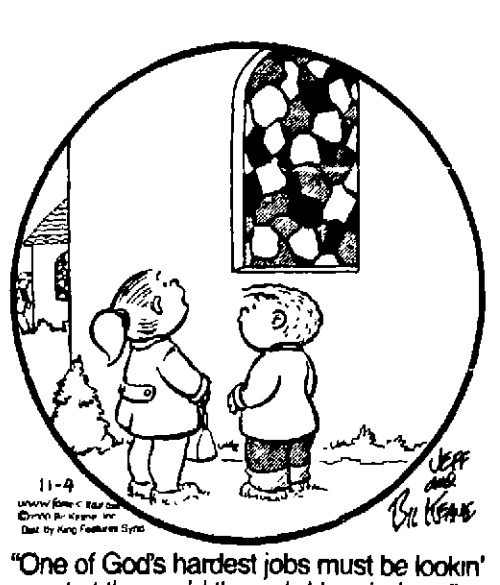
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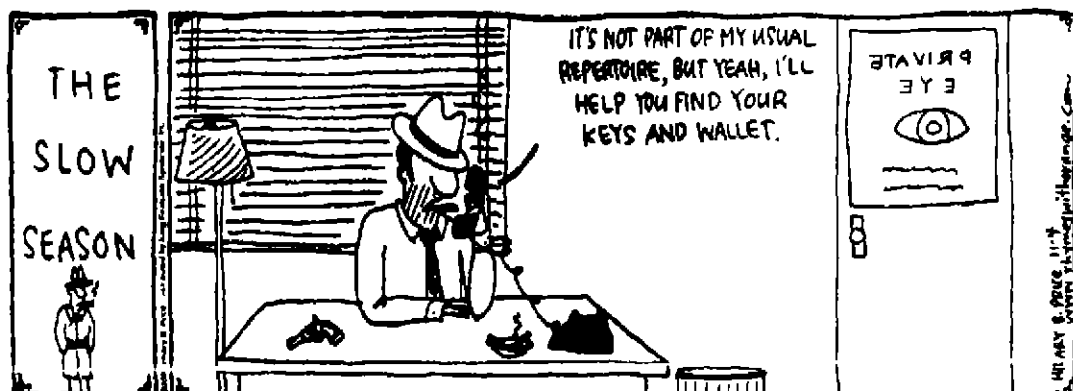
## DENNIS THE MENACE



## FAMILY CIRCUS



## RHYMES WITH ORANGE



## RALPH



## Today's Birthdays

Former CBS anchorman **Walter Cronkite** is 84. Actor **Art Carney** is 82. Actress **Doris Roberts** is 70. Actress **Loretta Swit** is 63. Blues singer **Delbert McClinton** is 60. Actress **Markie Post** is 50. Country songwriter-musician **Van Stephenson** (Blackhawk) is 47. Pianist **Yanni** is 46. Rock singer-musician **Chris Difford** (Squeeze) is 45. Actor **Ralph Macchio** is 38.

## I NEED HELP



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| R | L | F | E | I | P | S |                   |
| C | L | A | A | J | E | O | 3rd Letter Triple |
| U | U | Q | S | T | A | A | Triple Word Score |

PAR SCORE 130-140 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 12 to 17 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions on right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. Bonus used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 11-4-00 © 2000 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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## WORD SLEUTH

## NUTS, BOLTS &amp; SCREWS

K C Z X V T R P N L J T H E C  
A Y W W E R C S T E S H V T T  
T R P T L O B E Y E W U L L L  
J A C K S C R E W E N M O O O  
L K I G E C W B R Z X B C B B  
W U S R P E O C M L E N K G G  
J I W E R C S G A L G U N N N  
E D B C A P L U G N U T U I I  
Y X S W A U T G S Q P O T K R  
W E R C S D O O W I N G N U T  
T L O B U T L O B D A E D N L

Friday's unlisted clue: WINGTIPS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Saturday's unlisted clue hint: SHAPED LIKE A LETTER

|            |           |           |             |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Cap screw  | Kingbolt  | Ringbolt  | Toggle bolt |
| Deadbolt   | Lag screw | Screw eye | Wing nut    |
| Eye bolt   | Locknut   | Set screw | Wood screw  |
| Jack screw | Lug nut   | Thumbnut  |             |

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## HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Nov. 5, 2000

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Surround yourself with good friends, and the nagging worries that have been plaguing you will disappear.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A project that got off to a slow start suddenly gains momentum.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Plan to make a difference, and it's most certain that you will be able to do so.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Remember that you don't always have to echo the opinions of those whom you admire.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) Relationship issues arise, but you are able to defuse the tension.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You surprise yourself with how much delight you find in pleasing others.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You win the prize for originality, whether it comes to career or love.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) The people you surround yourself with will make all the difference during a trying period.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Indulge your need for peace and quiet.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) All those back-burner projects suddenly come sharply into focus.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You are at the center of an incredible whirl of transformation. Don't be afraid to follow the wonderful whims of the moment.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) A personal or professional relationship suddenly takes on a whole new direction.

## ACES

By Bobby Wolff

West led his club king and shifted to a low diamond after East discouraged with the club deuce. Dummy played low, and East won the ace and returned his deuce. When South plays his jack, should West cover? This West did, and it earned him a bottom score. Dummy's king won, the trump 10 was run successfully, and South held his losses to only two clubs, a diamond and a heart. What happens if West doesn't cover South's diamond jack? Nothing good for South, because he has no quick entry to dummy. If he leads a heart or a club, West can rise and lead a diamond for East to ruff. If South leads a diamond, the ruff comes even sooner. It is true that East did make a close double. But under the existing vulnerability conditions, that is the nature of things at duplicate. So West gets the blame for the disaster. He should have recognized the diamond position and refused to cover South's jack. If East had A-10-2 of diamonds, he would have returned the 10 instead of the deuce, so it should have been clear that East could ruff the third round of diamonds.

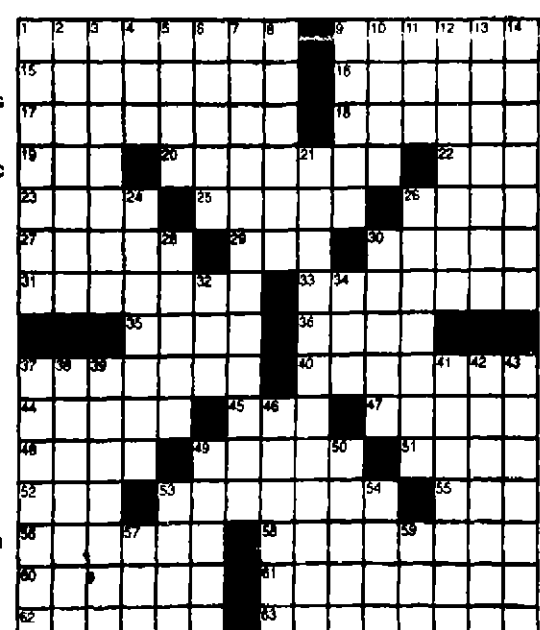
## N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0923

- ACROSS**
- Place for a pinch
  - Artist's goof
  - Unyielding
  - Deserted
  - Newer
  - Bush dweller, maybe
  - Foy, Que.
  - Benefit
  - Some scribbles, for short
  - High sch.
  - subject
  - Cock and bull, e.g.
  - speak
  - Alma mater of Vice President Alben Barkley
  - Abbr. before a number
  - Peeping Tom
  - Some political responses
  - "Isn't it funny / How a bear likes honey?" writer
  - Graceful bend
  - Scrape
  - Introduce
  - Train employee
  - Big name in storytelling
  - Decisive periods, for short
  - 1988 Best Supporting Actor
  - Request to a messenger
  - Nincompoops
  - Early Ferrara ruling house
  - Abbr. before a number
  - light is not daylight, I know it" Shak.
  - Wordsmith's ideal
  - Rx instruction
  - One who makes ornamental grooves
  - Source of ethnic pride
  - Belabor
  - Social convenience
  - Make a new directory, say
  - English city famous for glassmaking
- DOWN**
- Silenced
  - Two, perhaps
  - Inches
  - Frequent Joseph Alsop sub
  - Exercise target
  - Delaware senator
  - Burg that lacks a stoplight, say
  - Canceled
  - Poles, e.g.
  - Sullen look
  - Little — (lots)
  - Sack
  - What ice may do
  - Subject for civic improvement
  - Comfortable
  - Fools
  - Record holder
  - Some locks

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ATBAYS SIWASH  
THEPIYS PANACHE  
REDWEAT TONITER  
ARMORER CASTLES  
IMAN LEERS FIRE  
NOIST EYE POKEY  
SECRETADMINER  
ARACHNE  
CALLEDTOORDER  
HOSEA DEL SALEP  
OMIT ARDEN MITE  
PRAIRIE SODACAN  
PATTERNS IMAGISM  
EDIBLES NANETTE  
RECESES NESSEN



Puzzle by Rich Norris

- The underprivileged
- Circus wear
- Where to find the Major Arcana
- "The Terminator" heroine
- Walkers, briefly
- Performance art
- Numerical prefix
- Youngest world chess champion before Kasparov

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